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Maryland woman sentenced to 18 months for stealing about \$176,000 from her former employer

--woman admitted to embezzling money from Association--

WASHINGTON - U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly has sentenced Wendy Mansfield, 48, of Bowie, Maryland to 18 months of incarceration for stealing \$176,061 from her former employer from 2004 to 2008, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today. Judge Kollar-Kotelly also imposed \$150,100 in restitution, a \$25,961 fine, 200 hours of community service, and a 36-month term of supervised release. Mansfield pleaded guilty in April 2009.

According to the government's sentencing memorandum, these charges stem from Mansfield's scheme to steal about \$176,000 from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, a nonprofit organization which is located in the District of Columbia. The defendant worked at the Association from 1999 to 2008, first as an accountant and later as the Chief Financial Officer. Through her duties and position, Mansfield held control over the Association's books, finances, and bank records. The defendant, along with others at the Association, maintained an Association credit card which was to be used exclusively for official business and travel. A review of the defendant's credit card statements, however, revealed that between July 2004 and July 2008, the defendant used the Association credit card for total purchases of \$184,629; of that amount, only 2%, or \$4,611 was the Association's business expenses, while the remaining \$180,018 consisted of personal items and services for the defendant herself. Through this scheme to defraud, and giving credit for her payments, the defendant embezzled \$176,061 from her employer over a four-year period.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended former Criminal Investigator Diane Eickman, Paralegal Specialists Maggie McCabe and Diane Hayes, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Virginia Cheatham, who prosecuted the case.

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